

FCC Commissioners
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

I am writing to express my absolute opposition to the FCC's proposal to relax the restrictions on the use of cell phones on airplanes in flight.

Whether or not cell phones interfere with navigational instruments is immaterial. Just because it may be permissible from a technical perspective, doesn't mean that it's the prudent or advisable thing to do. Cell phone use in the cabin has the potential to increase tension among passengers. Imagine being stuck between two passengers on cell phones for a four-hour flight, having to listen to conversations you have no interest in hearing. What about my right to read, watch the movie, or sleep. Not to mention that it's just plain rude. You only need to take a ride on a commuter train to experience the annoying situation you will be creating by lifting the ban. Cell phone use also has the potential to interfere with flight attendants' ability to maintain order in an emergency. It could also enable terrorists to coordinate a hijacking more effectively. There is nothing that important that it can't wait until the plane lands. They can live without a phone for the length of a flight.

Please do not lift the ban on cell phone use in flight.

Sincerely,

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Senator Frank Lautenberg
Representative Rush Holt